

## **CAPSULE SUMMARY**

**CT-383**

**Louise Lewis House**

**5005 Louise Lane**

**Chesapeake Beach, Calvert County**

**Circa 1895**

**Private**

Throughout most of its history until the second half of the 20th century, Calvert County was a highly rural, agricultural county engaged primarily in tobacco cultivation and characterized by an isolated, highly dispersed population. By 1900, Calvert County had established itself as the third largest tobacco producing county in the state despite being the smallest in both land area and population. Accordingly, there was a county-wide increase in the construction of tobacco barns and residences during this period. The most common residential form during this period was the two-story cross-gable of three or five bays, with a rear ell, and exhibiting such late-Victorian-era stylistic elements as variegated shingles, bay windows, turned posts and brackets. The historic house at 5005 Louise Lane, constructed circa 1895, is one such dwelling. The house is significant as an intact representative of a late-19th-century rural residence in Calvert County.

Located in rural Calvert County, the historic house is a two-story wood-frame building clad in wide lapped weatherboard with a cross-gable roof clad in pressed metal sheets and a solid stretcher-bond brick foundation. The five-bay façade is characterized by a one-story, five-bay, full-width porch with a half-hip roof and turned wood posts, and the central open gable with flared cornice ends and diamond-shaped wood shingles in the tympanum. The house features two-story polygonal bays at each gable end, which are unconventional in their placement. Windows are 2/2 wood-sash and have two-part unmolded wood surrounds with thin projecting lintels and thick projecting sills. An original two-story rear ell and a one-story shed-roof addition with a concrete-block foundation project from the rear elevation.

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**1. Name of Property** (indicate preferred name)

historic	Louise Lewis House
other	Stephen J. Purdy House

## 2. Location

street and number	5005 Louise Lane	___	not for publication
city, town	Chesapeake Beach	___	vicinity
county	Calvert		

**3. Owner of Property** (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name	Allen R. Stirling and Linda Smith			
street and number	5005 Louise Lane		telephone	Unknown
city, town	Ches. Beach	state	MD	zip code 20732

#### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse			tax map and parcel: 16:227		
city, town	Pr. Frederick	liber	ABE754	folio	845

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report  
☐ Other

## 6. Classification

[illegible]

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Located in rural Calvert County, Maryland, the circa 1895 dwelling at 5005 Louise Lane is a two-story wood-frame building clad in wide lapped weatherboard with a cross-gable roof and a solid stretcher-bond brick foundation. It has a full-width, five-bay half-hip roof front porch, a two-story rear ell and a one-story addition to the rear. The most notable features of the house are the two-story polygonal bays at each gable end.

**SETTING.** The historic house is located at the northeast corner of Dalrymple Road and Louise Lane just west of Randle Cliff Beach and the U.S. Naval Research Lab on the Chesapeake Bay. The house is situated on a knoll fronting very close to Dalrymple Road, and had a Dalrymple Road street address until recently when the property behind the house was subdivided for a small residential development with a cul-de-sac, Louise Lane. This stretch of Dalrymple Road is thickly wooded. The house is located in a small clearing in the woods, and is surrounded by a grassy yard on all sides. The lot is dotted with mature trees and overgrown mature plantings. The house is accessed by a gravel drive which circles in front of the house.

**PRIMARY RESOURCE.** The wood-frame dwelling is two-stories in height, clad in wide lapped weatherboard, and has a cross-gable roof clad in pressed metal sheets. The building rests on a solid stretcher-bond brick foundation. The five-bay façade is characterized by a one-story, five-bay, full-width porch with a half-hip roof and turned wood posts, and the central open gable with flared cornice ends and diamond-shaped wood shingles in the tympanum. The central entry features a three-light transom and two-light sidelights over raised panels. The side gable-ends of the house feature two-story polygonal bays with windows on three sides. In Calvert County during the late 19th century, the bay is generally seen as a one-story bay window protruding from a flat surface, or as a two-story projecting bay capped by a gable projecting from the façade to create an L- or T-shaped plan. Here a polygonal bay is located at each gable end, creating from the front the impression of a curved façade, with the gables projecting far beyond the bay itself. The gable roof projects over the bays and in their tympanum are variegated fishscale and diamond-shaped wood shingles. Windows are 2/2 wood-sash and have two-part unmolded wood surrounds with thin projecting lintels and thick projecting sills. An original two-story rear ell and a one-story shed-roof addition with a concrete-block foundation project from the rear elevation. Other notable features include a molded wood cornice with a blank fascia, metal lightening rods on the roof, an original interior square brick chimney with a corbeled cap, and a concrete-block, stove chimney on the rear one-story addition.

**SECONDARY RESOURCE.** Located to the north of the house is a one-story wood-frame open shelter, circa 1990, with a pyramidal roof sheathed in asphalt shingles.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates c1895

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates c1895

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The historic house at 5005 Louise Lane, constructed circa 1895, is significant as an intact representative of a late-19th-century rural residence in Calvert County, and an interesting application of the bay window, a feature common to residential architecture of the period.

Throughout most of its history until the second half of the 20th century, Calvert County was a highly rural, agricultural county engaged primarily in tobacco cultivation and characterized by an isolated, highly dispersed population. At the time of the 1890 federal census, Calvert County was the smallest county in the state of Maryland both in land area and population, but fifth in annual tobacco production behind a number of significantly larger, wealthier and more populous counties. Just ten years later in 1900, Calvert County had more than doubled its tobacco production and had risen to the third largest tobacco producing county in the state behind nearby Charles and Prince George's Counties.

Accordingly, there was a county-wide increase in the construction of tobacco barns and associated domestic farmhouses during this period. Dwellings built during this period were largely two-story, wood-frame buildings three or five bays in width, with a center hall or side hall plan. Most had a side-gable roof or a cross-gable roof with a central front gable, a one-story full-width or wrap-around front porch with turned posts, and a two-story rear ell. Stylistically, they featured such late Victorian era or Queen Anne stylistic elements as lancet or round-arched windows, fishscale shingles in the gable ends, and sawn brackets. These elements are particularly common in houses built during the late 19th century. By the first decade of the 20th century, houses exhibit less of these flamboyant decorative elements and favor a more simplified architectural expression. Interiors were heated by wood-burning stoves vented through narrow, square, brick chimneys.

Constructed circa 1895, the house at 5005 Louise Lane is a unique interpretation of late-Victorian stylistic elements. The polygonal bay was a common feature in residential architecture nationwide during the late 19th century, as well as in Calvert County. It is generally seen, however, as a one-story bay window protruding from a flat surface, or as a two-story projecting bay capped by a gable projecting from the façade to create an L- or T-shaped plan. Here the polygonal bay is used in an unconventional manner at each gable end, creating from the front the impression of a curved façade, with the gables projecting far beyond the bay itself. The house incorporates other familiar elements of the late-Victorian-era and Queen Anne styles, including the variegated shingles in the gable ends, and turned porch posts. The features make the house a interesting and unique example of a late-19th-century rural residence in Calvert County.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 1.55 acres

Acreage of historical setting Unknown

Quadrangle name North Beach

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic house is located at 5005 Louise Lane in Chesapeake Beach, Calvert County, Maryland. It has historically been associated with Tax Map 16, Parcel 227 since its construction in the late 19th century. The current deed to the property is found in the land records of Calvert County in the Calvert County Courthouse in Prince Frederick: Deed Book ABE 754, Folio 854.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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Crownsville MD 21032  
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Name Louise Lewis House

Continuation Sheet

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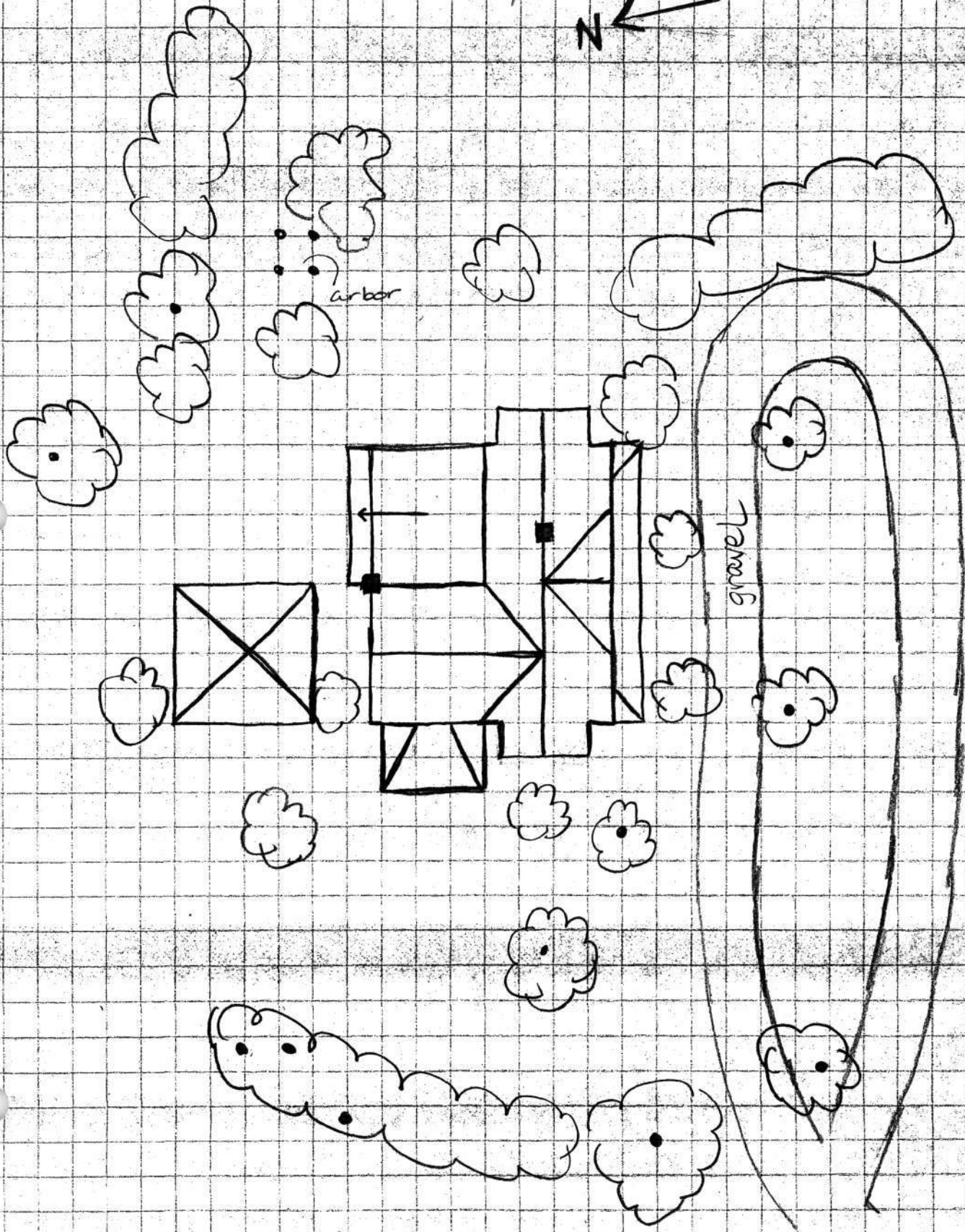
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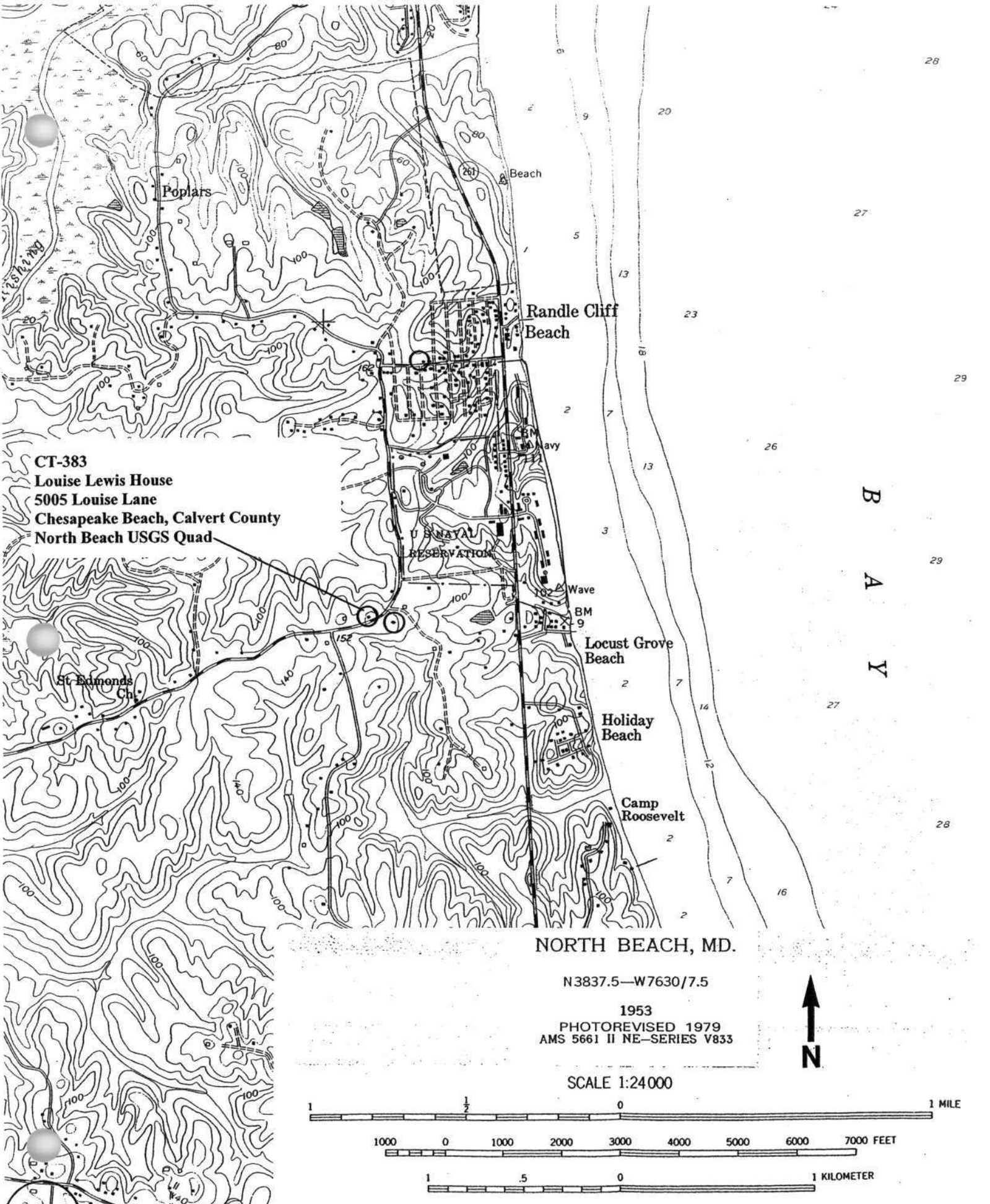
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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP  
CT-383  
LOUISE LEWIS HOUSE  
5005 LOUISE LANE  
CHESAPEAKE BEACH  
CALVERT COUNTY





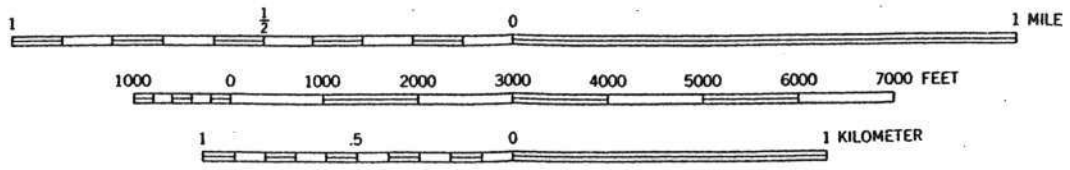
CT-383  
Louise Lewis House  
5005 Louise Lane  
Chesapeake Beach, Calvert County  
North Beach USGS Quad

NORTH BEACH, MD.

N3837.5—W7630/7.5

1953  
PHOTOREVISED 1979  
AMS 5661 II NE—SERIES V833

SCALE 1:24000



CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET  
NATIONAL GEODETIC VERTICAL DATUM OF 1929  
DEPTH CURVES AND SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO DATUMS IS VARIABLE  
SHORELINE SHOWN REPRESENTS THE APPROXIMATE LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER  
THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS 1 FOOT AT CHESAPEAKE BEACH





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LOUISE LEWIS HOUSE

5005 LOUISE LANE

CALVERT COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

1/2003

MD SHPD

HOUSE, SOUTHWEST CORNER

10F3



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LOUISE LEWIS HOUSE

5005 LOUISE LANE

CALVERT COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

1/2003

MD SHPO

HOUSE, WEST ELEVATION

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LOUISE LEWIS HOUSE  
5005 LOUISE LANE  
CALVERT COUNTY, MD  
TRACERIES

1/2003

MD SHPO

HOUSE, NORTH ELEVATION

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Louise Lewis House  
Sunderland  
Private

Late 19th century

This two-story frame house measures five-bays wide by one-bay deep. A prominent cross-gable distinguishes the facade. The gable-roofed house includes a front porch and a rear kitchen section. 2/2 sash windows light the dwelling. The front corners of the south elevation are beveled forming semi-hexagonal corner bays. The structure is covered with asbestos shingle siding with decorative shingles in the gables and at the beveled corners. The main entrance is located in the central bay of the front elevation.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Steven J. Purdy House

AND/OR COMMON

Louise Lewis House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Dalrymple Road

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake Beach

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Louise Lewis

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Dalrymple Road

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake Beach

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 20732

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Calvert County Courthouse

Liber #: JLB 151

Folio #: 169

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Main Street (MD Route 765)

CITY, TOWN

Prince Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**☒ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story frame house measures five bays wide by one bay deep. A prominent cross-gable distinguishes the facade. The gable-roofed house includes a front porch and a rear kitchen section.

The front corners of the south elevation are beveled, forming semi-hexagonal corner bays. Windows in these corner bays are set on a diagonal to the plane of the front and side walls. The structure is covered with asbestos shingle siding. At the gables and in the beveled corners are a combination of decorative scalloped and diamond shaped shingles.

The main entrance is located in the central bay of the front elevation and includes a transom and sidelights around the door. A hipped roof porch supported by turned posts extends across the five bays of the front elevation. A brick chimney is located at the interior of the house, east of the cross gable. Another chimney is located in the rear ell.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## PERIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Late 20th century

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is a typical Calvert County farmhouse. Similar frame houses were built from c. 1875-1925. It is of no known historical significance.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Merry Stinson

ORGANIZATION

Calvert County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 5, Box 154

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Leitersburg,

STATE

Maryland 21740

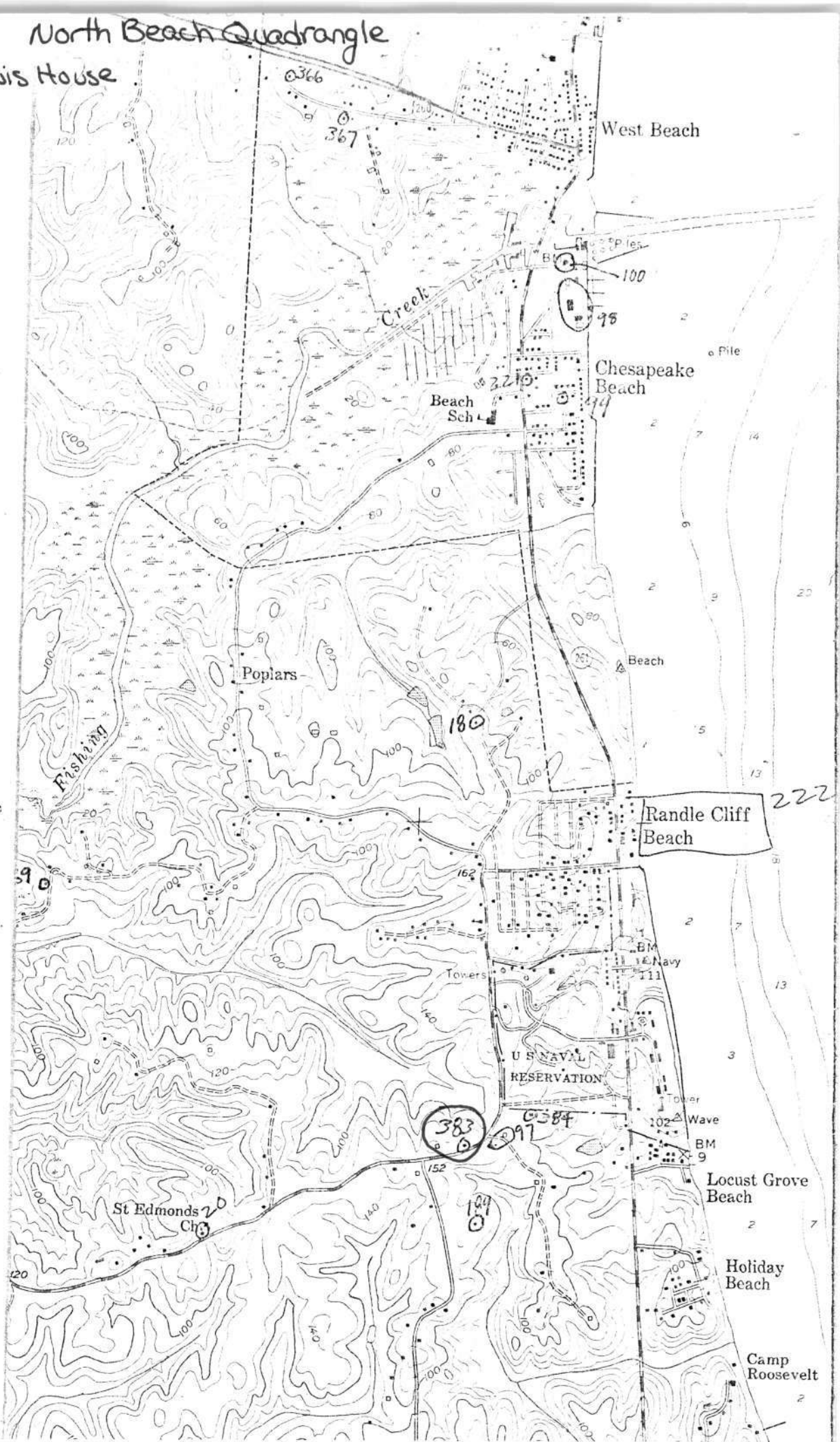
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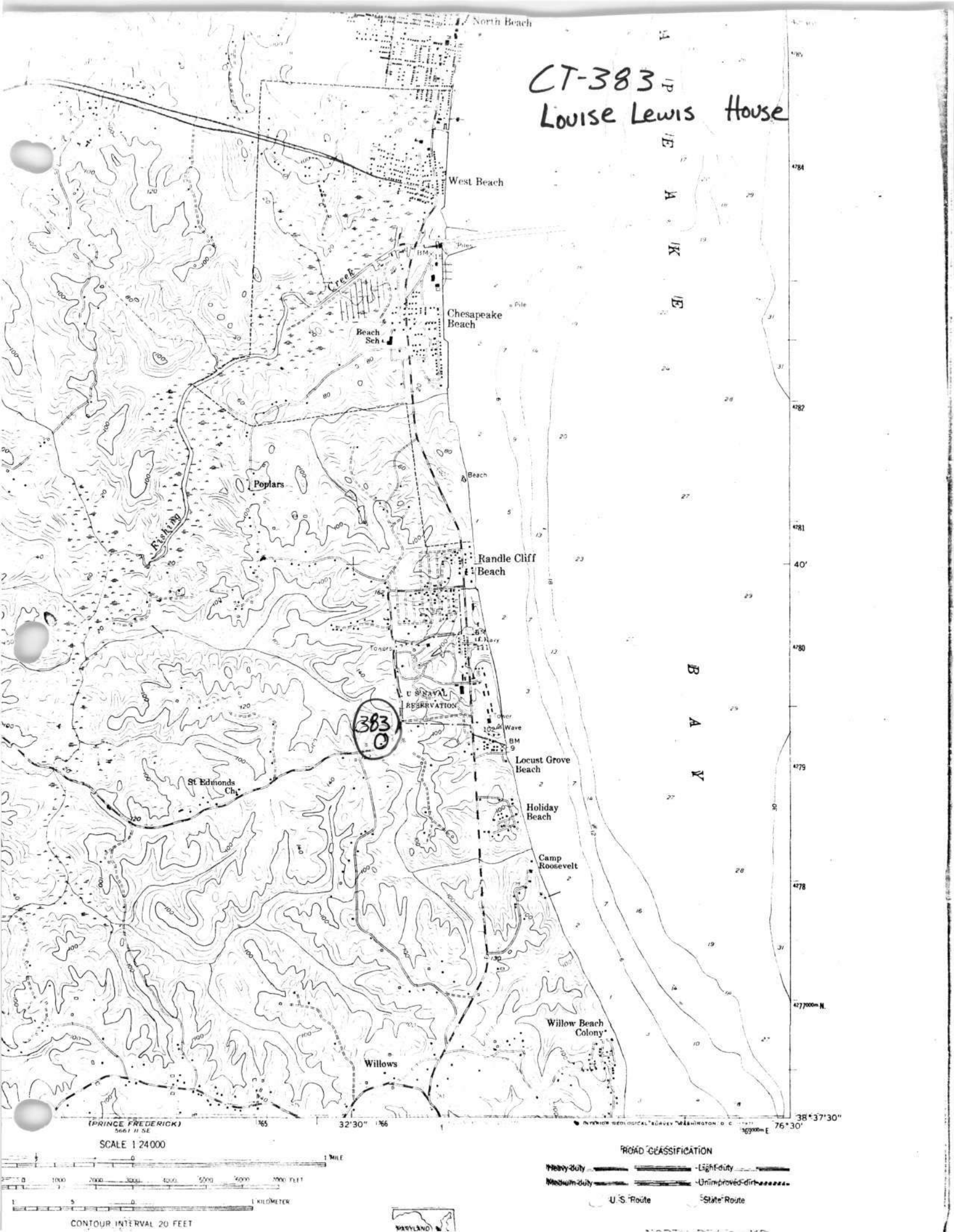
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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North Beach Quadrangle

Louise Lewis House



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Louise Lewis House



383

B  
A  
V

(PRINCE FREDERICK)  
5661 11 SE

SCALE 1:24000

32°30' 1966

38°37'30"

76°30'

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty ———— Light-duty ————  
Medium-duty ———— Unimproved dirt ————  
U.S. Route ———— State Route ————

CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FEET





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Louise Lewis House

Calvert County

Merry Stinson 4/81

S elevation